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RE: APS Proposed Replacement of Mechanical (Analog) Meters with non-transmitting Digital Meters and Request for New Monthly Smart Meter Opt-out Fee of \$5.00

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request that you do not permit Arizona Public Service (APS) to replace existing mechanical (analog) meters on the homes of people who have opted out of the Smart Meter program with new digital meters that do not transmit. Although the non-transmitting digital meters would not create as much electromagnetic pollution as the transmitting smart meters, they would still put "dirty electricity" on the household wiring, which would be difficult if not impossible for the householder to filter out again, and cause damaging health effects for those who are electrically sensitive. The mechanical (analog) meters do not do this and are a safe and proven technology that should not be replaced. As a very electrically-sensitive, disabled, retired person who suffers extreme physical and neurological reactions to electromagnetic pollution, I strongly object to being forced to endure the deterioration of my health and the physical and mental suffering such a change would cause to me and to all others like me in the APS service area.

In addition, I would ask that you do not permit a new monthly fee of \$5.00 to be added to the bills of those who have opted out of the smart meter program. There is already a monthly meter reading fee on all bills for all customers. Adding an additional fee for those in the opt-out program, on top of the \$6.00 per month (average) overall rate increase APS is also requesting, would place a difficult financial burden on the poor, the elderly, the disabled and anyone else on a fixed income.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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